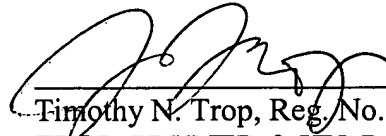


REMARKS

Applicants have elected Group I (claims 1-10 and 18-21) and canceled claims 11-17.

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